

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1-8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) A concrete mat, comprising:
a concrete slab having relatively thick portions defining blocks connected by relatively thinner portions, said relatively thinner portions including holes therein spaced from said thick portions and defining weakened areas whereby said slab is breakable along portions of the thinner portions which are spaced from said thick portions defining blocks, the defined blocks being arranged in parallel rows and being staggered in adjacent rows; and
a flexible geogrid embedded in ~~is~~ said slab, said geogrid defining flexible members connecting said blocks to one another when the slab is broken along the relatively thinner portions.
10. (Previously Presented) The concrete mat of claim 9, wherein said defined blocks have sides adjacent one another in said mat, and said relatively thinner portions extend between and across substantially the entirety of said adjacent sides.
11. (Previously Presented) The concrete mat of claim 9, wherein said holes in said thinner portions define weakened areas generally centrally located between adjacent blocks.
12. (Previously Presented) The concrete mat of claim 9, wherein said holes are generally vertically oriented to define said weakened areas in a generally vertically orientation.
13. (Previously Presented) The concrete mat of claim 9, wherein at least some of said holes extend vertically through said relatively thinner portions and have square mouths.

14. (Currently Amended) An intermediate article in the manufacture of an articulated, predominantly concrete mat for an uneven surface, comprising:

a concrete slab having relatively thick portions defining blocks connected by relatively thinner portions, said relatively thinner portions including holes therein spaced from said thick portions and defining weakened areas whereby said slab is breakable along portions of the thinner portions which are spaced from said thick portions defining blocks, the defined blocks being arranged in parallel rows and being staggered in adjacent rows; and

a flexible geogrid embedded in ~~is~~ said slab, said geogrid defining flexible members connecting said blocks to one another when the slab is broken along the relatively thinner portions.

15. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 14, wherein said defined blocks have sides adjacent one another in said slab, and said relatively thinner portions extend between and across substantially the entirety of said adjacent sides.

16. (Previously Presented) A concrete mat, comprising the intermediate article of claim 14 disposed on an uneven ground surface with said relatively thinner portions broken along at least some of said defined weakened areas to follow the uneven ground surface, wherein grass grows through said broken weakened areas.

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